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Subject (in full) Shanghai Expedition to the north West.

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Exhaustive enquiries have failed to reveal the existence of the so-called Shanghai Expedition to the North West which is quoted in the attached article appearing in the China Press edition of January 20, 1933.

In the original letter sent to the China Times by their correspondent in Sinkiang there is no mention of a Shanghai expedition only the expedition to the north west. Enquiries at the China Press did not elicit the reason for stating that the expedition emanated from this port but it appears evident that the journalist responsible for the article in the foreign paper drew his own conclusions in that the correspondent had addressed the letter to the China Times as of interest to local residents.

The only local organization interested in north Western matters known to the municipal Police is the "Society to Study the north West" (西北學會), with an office at 204 Rue Prosper Paris, French Concession. Kong Tien-kuo (康天國), Chief of this body has no knowledge of such an expedition and stated that in his opinion there was not an organization of this nature in Shanghai.

The names of the foreigners given as in charge of the expedition would appear from the nature and number of the Chinese characters to be those of Japanese.

The antecedents of Lieutenant Colonel Schubert who is mentioned in the article are covered in a previous article in the China Press, attached dated January 14

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Mohammedan Uprising In Sinkiang Seen As Imperialist Maneuver

**New Buffer Between
China, USSR Planned;
Revolt Is Connected
With Tibetan Invasion**

**British Active With
Agent Believed In
Col. Lawrence Role**

MOSCOW, January 12.—
(Tass)—A dispatch received
here from Istanbul reports a
serious Mohammedan uprising
in the Turfan region of the
Chinese province of Sinkiang.
It is stated that the rebel
forces are well-armed and are
now advancing on Urumchi to
the north, which is not far
from the border of Outer
Mongolia.

According to the dispatch,
the rebel forces have effected a
junction with the Mongolians of
Kashgar in the extreme north of
the province and have also
connected themselves with the
Mohammedan population in the
regions adjacent to Tibet and
the Indian frontier.

Connected With Tibet

This uprising must be considered
as definitely connected with the
operations of the Tibetan troops
who invaded Szechwan province.
There is no doubt that interested
imperialist countries are endeavoring
to utilize the present moment
to set up in Sinkiang a Mohammedan
state hostile to China,
which would be dependent upon
them and which would serve as a
buffer between the U.S.S.R. and
China in the northwest just as
Manchukuo does in the northeast.

It is generally known that the
recent years have seen intense
British activity in Sinkiang, particularly
in the regions of the present
reported uprising, where they
have taken place a number of
"scientific" and other expeditions,
directly participated in by Lieut.
Colonel Henderson, C. B. Henderson,
a retired British army officer.

Lawrence Of Arabia

Who for 1918, Lieut. Colonel
Henderson had had a lengthy
career in the British Army. He
joined the 1st Desert Mounted
Division in 1901, served in Egypt and India
and took part in the Indian War
of Independence in 1918. After the
war he was for a time in the
service of the Government of India.
He was then in the service of the
Government of India.

of the present British dominated
state of Iraq.

Sinkiang in recent years has
had very close relations with the
Soviet Union, there being a motor
road into the region from the terminus
of the Turkestan Railway. Sinkiang
is somewhat isolated from the rest of
China. It is, for example, quicker to
travel from Shanghai to Sinkiang via
Vladivostok than by any route through
China.

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